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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/091,113	Applicant(s) MASUDA ET AL.	
	Examiner Ramesh B. Patel	Art Unit 2121	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 August 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 6, 7 and 9-12 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 and 8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 28 February 2002 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) ✓ | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-5 and 8 are presented for examination. Claims 6-7 and 9-12 are withdrawn from the further consideration due to the non-elected claims without traverse; **however, applicant is suggested to cancel withdrawn claims 6-7 and 9-12 in response to this office action.**

Priority

2. Acknowledgment is made of applicant's claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d). The certified copy has been received and filed in the application.

Drawings

3. The examiner has acknowledged that the applicant has filed informal drawings as stated in the "Transmittal of New Application" filed on 2/28/2002.

However, the informal drawings are not of sufficient quality to permit examination. Accordingly, replacement drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to this Office action. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action.

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Applicant is given a TWO MONTH time period to submit new drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.81. Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). Failure to timely submit replacement drawing sheets will result in ABANDONMENT of the application.

New corrected drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in this application because applicant has filed informal drawings in the application as stated above. Applicant is advised to employ the services of a competent patent draftsman outside the Office, as the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office no longer prepares new drawings. The corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The requirement for corrected drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-5 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Krech, Jr. et al. (US Patent 6,591,385).

As to claim 1, Krech, Jr. teaches the invention including a controller and a method for controlling a device connected thereto, said controller comprising: memory means for storing a control program and correlation data, said control program specifying said device by an object name, said correlation data correlating said control program with device data on said device (see, col. 3, lines 19-34); and communication processing means for accessing said device to there control said device by said control program by referencing said correlation data to identify said device data from said object name (see, figures 2-3 and col. 3, lines 19-30).

As to claim 2, Krech, Jr. teaches the method wherein said communication processing means functions to determine an address through which said device is accessed and to store said address to be accessed as said correlation data (see, col. 3, lines 19-30).

As to claim 3, Krech, Jr. teaches the controller further comprising: a controller memory, data being transmitted between said device and said controller through a specified area of said controller memory and mapping means for mapping said controller memory according to memory size of said device and storing results of the mapping as said correlation data (see, figures 2-3 and col. 4, line 54 to col. 5, line 20 and col. 10, lines 13-25).

As to claim 4, Krech, Jr. teaches the controller wherein said device stores operation data required for operating said device, said controller functioning to obtain said operation data, to store said operation data and to download said stored operation data to said device when said device starts to be operated (see, abstract and col. 3, lines 19-30 and col. 4, lines 43-66).

As to claim 5, Krech, Jr. teaches the controller further comprising: a controller memory, data being transmitted between said device and said controller through a specified area of said controller memory, said controller memory having a specified area storing abnormality data on an abnormal condition of said device; and means for outputting maintenance data for said abnormal condition of said device according to said abnormality data and said correlation data (see, figures 2-3 and col. 4, line 54 to col. 5, line 20 and col. 10, lines 13-25).


5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

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6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ramesh B. Patel whose telephone number is 703-308-6673. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th; 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Anthony Knight can be reached on 703-308-3179. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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